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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Anthony J. Calio
Chairman, Program Board on Civil Operational
Land Remote Sensing from Space

SUBJECT: Responses to 16 July Program Board Action Items

1. The following comments are provided in response to the actions discussed at the 16 July meeting of the Program Board.

2. The CIA budget for LANDSAT services, as established by OMB, allocates [] in FY 1983 and [] in FY 1984. The agency's requirements will result in purchases up to these funding levels. While the final mix of products cannot be definitively determined at this time, CIA does plan to make full use of the budget allocation.

3. The second action item concerns the extent of interest in or requirements for the future French SPOT data or services. At a minimum, CIA will want to acquire sufficient SPOT imagery and computer compatible tapes to experimentally determine their value to agricultural assessment methodology. However, funds for SPOT products have not been requested in the CIA FY 1984 budget. Furthermore, even if the CIA experimental work shows that SPOT imagery has potential value for agricultural assessments, the number of images/tapes required would be limited by a sampling strategy.

4. The comments in the preceding paragraph are predicated on the basis that the LANDSAT and the follow-on US program will be able to continue to provide the imagery needed to satisfy our highly specific requirements. Obviously, if operational, budgetary, or other factors prevent the US program from satisfying these requirements, the alternative of obtaining SPOT data would have to be exploited to whatever degree is necessary to meet intelligence requirements.

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5. Comments on the revised list of customer priorities will be forwarded within a few days of its receipt.



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